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AAAS Statement on U.S. Withdrawal from the World Health Organization

“The formal notification to Congress of the U.S. withdrawal from the World Health Organization (WHO) is an action that we strongly oppose. Although complete withdrawal will not take effect for one year, the rhetoric and intent of the Trump administration has immediate negative consequences to U.S. public health and international research collaboration. WHO facilitates many critically important collaborations among countries, including the United States, in support of human health. Our health is inextricably linked across borders as demonstrated by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In signaling withdrawal from WHO, the health of Americans will suffer, relationships with allied nations will be damaged, and U.S. leverage for improvements and change within WHO will be impossible.”

— Sudip Parikh, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

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